OUR COUNTY . . .

Correspondents

[TO CORRESPONDENTS.—All correspondents are requested to write on one side of the paper only. This will prevent our re-writing the matter written on the reverse pages, which must invariably be done, and will also prevent many interesting items from being entirely overlooked. Correspondents who are short on supplies should notify this office, and we will promptly furnish what is needed.]

Eagle Point Eaglets.

BY A. C. HOWLETT.

Mr. McDaniel, who lives near Brownsboro, was visiting friends in Eagle Point last week.

Mrs. George Morine gave a quilting on Tuesday of last week. They quilted a quilt that was forty years old.

On account of Prof. Daley's illness our school is closed for the present and every day there are forty or fifty children crying, "How is the teacher."

J. Stickle's little baby was badly burned last week. It was just learning to crawl and in the absence of its mother it crawled to the stove. Both hands were burned—the back of one and the palm of the other.

Last Saturday the republican met at the school house and held their primary. Geo. Brown was chosen chairman and A. J. Florey sec. They elected A. J. Florey, J. J. Fryer and Lemon Charley as delegates to attend the county convention.

On Tuesday evening of last week Jay W. Grover arrived at his brother's residence in this place. He is from New York state and expects to remain, and his brother, L. L. Grover, will return to his home in Pennsylvania.

A. J. Daley received word of the attempted assination of his brother, W. J. Daley, of Kansas City, Mo. His skull was broken and fears are entertained that he will not recover. Mr. D. has the sympathy of the entire community.

There is much talk among the business men of our town about making an effort to have a county road laid out and opened from here to Klamath county via. Big Butte, Four Bit creek, Pelican bay, etc., thus shortening the distance about twenty miles from the valley to Fort Klamath.

There is considerable talk about the advisability of voting a tax to raise a thousand or fifteen hundred dollars for the purpose of erecting a new school house and furnishing it with modern conveniences, but some of the taxpayers draw a long breath and sigh "hard times."

Last Saturday Ted Howard, of Round Top, brought a robe to town that he had made of forty-two squirrel skins, nicely dressed and so arranged that the fore part of the skin hangs down and the tail of each one fall over and covers a seam. It is a thing of beauty, and was purchased by F. Morgan.

I am sorry to have to chronicle the fact that our popular school teacher, P. H. Daley, is confined to his bed with pleurisy and stong symptoms of pneumonia. His physicians allow no one to see him except his nurse and attendants. I am also sorry to state that John Williscroft's family are down with that dreaded disease scarlet fever. At last account five of the children were sick with it.

Died, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Flake, near Redding, Mr. McAlister, Sr., (the same gentleman who was taken from here about the middle of March, and after whom the soda springs on the north fork of Little Butte was named) on the 18th inst.; age 64 years. His remains were interred in the G. A. R. cemetery in Redding. He leaves quite a large family, some of whom are in this county.

According to previous arrangements the Ashland team of foot ball players put in their appearance on Friday evening, and early in the day Saturday the crowd began to gather. By one o'clock p. m., the town was crowded with people who were anxious to see the game and hear the result. As the meeting of the republican primary was set for two o'clock p. m., the ball players waited until the primary was over before they commenced and the result was the game was not begun until 2:45. The two teams were arranged in the following order:

ASHLAND TEAM—C, Sydney Foster; R G, John Frater; L G, L Bish; L T, W Klum; R T, B Klum; R E, R Lang; L E, John McIntosh; R, Ed Miller; R H, F Robley and Cap; L H, F Herrin; F B, P Grub.

EAGLE POINT TEAM—Cap and R H, Wm Brown; C, Jack Nichols; R G, Benton Pool; R T, Jesse Safford; R E, W B Officer; L G, W Ashpole; L T, N Waltz; L E, T A Stricline; L B, Joe Moomaw; L H, F Nichols; F B, H Carlton.

P. H. Daley is captain of the team, but owing to his sickness Wm. Brown was chosen to fill the vacancy and, although, he had but two days to learn his new part of the play, he conducted it like an old veteran. Everything passed off very pleasantly. Both teams deserve great credit for the manner in which they played. It was one of the most hotly contested games of the season, resulting in ten points for the Eagle Point team to a 0 for the Ashland team. Just two hours from the time the game commenced the referee, Mr. VanScoy, announced "time up." Frank Brown acted as umpire and S. B. Holmes timekeeper and linesman. After the game was over and the boys had rested and changed their clothes, everything being in readiness, they gathered at Pool's hall and enjoyed themselves in dancing until quite late. Boys, hereafter, have your dances on some other night than Saturday. Elder A. J. Daley was disappointed in not having a congregation to preach to Sunday night, and if you want to have meeting Sunday nights you must encourage the preacher by your presence.

Central Point Items.

John Devlin, of Jacksonville, was in town on Monday.

W. K. Price, of Tolo, spent Monday here on business.

James Shields, of Wellen, spent Monday in our city.

J. O. Johnson, of Medford, spent Tuesday in our city.

O. F. Walden, of Medford, spent a day here last week.

Prof. L. L. Freeman spent last Saturday in Ashland.

Geo. Bradley made a trip to Sams valley last week.

J. T. Bailey, of Spikenard, was in our city on Saturday.

David Cingcade, of Eagle Point, was in town on Thursday.

Dr. J. Hinkle made Jacksonville a business trip on Monday.

Mr. Gardner, of Spikenard, was here after supplies Monday.

John Dugan, of Sams Valley, was here trading on Saturday.

J. C. Barnard will teach the school at Mt. Pitt this summer.

H. L. Pegg, of Flounce Rock, spent several days here this week.

Thos. Elliott, who was stabbed by Peninger, is fast recovering again.

"Dick" Cranfill has returned from an extended visit in Washington.

Miss Minnie Newman, of Eagle Point, visited with friends here last week.

Gordon Bros., of upper Rogue river, were here after supplies this week.

Ed. R. Owen is still very low and little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Miss Stella Stidham commenced a term of school on Applegate last Monday.

Harry Harvey came up from Gold Hill Saturday and spent a day here.

N. A. Jacobs, county clerk, spent a day here with his parents during the week.

J. H. Gay and wife made relatives at Rock Point a visit the last of the week.

Mrs. Norah Norman, of Roseburg, is paying relatives and friends of this city a visit.

J. R. Williamson made his daughter, Mrs. James Blevins, of Ashland, a visit on Tuesday.

Mrs. A. Dodson, of Los Angelos, Calif., is paying her sister Mrs. M. M. Cooksey, of this place, a visit.

J. A. Edington and wife received the sad news of the death of their daughter, Mrs. M. Plither, who resides in Calif., a few days ago. She spent several weeks with her parents here some months ago, and made many friends here who will learn of her death with sincere regret.

Prospect Items.

BY MINERVA.

Chas. Knighton, of Trail, was visited by his father and mother this week.

E. S. Moore and Ervin McCall made a trip up the river. They report four feet of snow above Union creek.

The wind storm did Chauncey Nye a favor by dropping a large pine on a shed near his barn, wrecking it completely.

The precinct republican convention elected Messrs. C. Nye and S. Aiken to county convention. They were instructed for Hermann for congress.

John Walden is splitting rails, building fence and generally helping to improve the Shirley homestead. Mr. Shirley has a piece of ground about as well favored as could be. About forty acres is watered by springs and is under a high state of cultivation. There are twenty acres of beaver meadow and the remaining 100 acres is covered by fine sugar pine timber. The entire family are making the most of these favorable conditions.

A MAIL reader asks us: "what is the increase in population of Prospect for the past year?" It is considerable. We believe our population has doubled within twelve months. Three miles below town there is quite a community now, the residences of Messrs. Greene, Woodruff, Blackford, Dean and Shirley being grouped within a radius of one mile. Myron Skeel has taken a homestead in this community and will live here with his family. Something over a mile further down live the families of Ellis and Nye and Mr. Stice and Nelson Nye, bachelors. Geo. Gray's mill has brought a number of families to this vicinity, said families taking homesteads and becoming permanent residents. The land isn't all taken up yet—there are still many desirable locations to be had. We are far from market, but you don't have to pay $200 an acre for the land—it can be had for nit, and no taxes for seven years. That comes about as near an immortal cinch as the correspondent can imagine.

Notes From Eden Precinct.

BY FARMER.

Wm. Griffin, of Grants Pass, was in this section last week on business.

Jimmie Martin, of Brownsboro, is assisting Mr. Sykes with his orchard work this spring.

Miss Mary Anderson, of Medford, visited last week with J. W. Mills' family and her many friends hereabouts.

The political pot in Eden is beginning to bubble, just like it does when election times are near at hand.

N. S. Bennett worked over 300 almond trees to prunes in the Orchard Home tract last week for Mr. Bowehrt.

Rev. Caldwell will preach at the school house next Sunday at 3 p. m. There is talk of a Sunday school being organized after the services.

J. H. Stewart made another shipment of apples last week—did not learn the amount. Mr. S. will soon begin to reap his five acres of rhubarb. He is at present supplying the local market.

S. H. Sykes and G. W. Stoops have purchased a new spray pump, and are now busy pumping "bug medicine" on their trees. Let the good work go on until the bugs in Eden die or "move on."

Spring seeding in this section is about all done for this spring and considerable corn ground has been plowed. Small grain looks well but most of the early sown wheat will likely be cut for hay on account of so much wild oats in it.

Fred Edsall is spending most of his wakeful hours these days tugging away at the combination which he hopes will let him into a secret that will enable him to master natural gravity and sail along through space with only a bicycle between him and terra firma. Fred has a good "bike" and is in dead earnest about the matter.

Roxy Ann Rockets.

BY ROXY.

had in games and merry making until evening.

Junius Nute has returned home from Leland, Oregon.

Mr. Wolters and family started for California Monday.

Miss Ellen Bursell, of Medford, spent Sunday with her parents.

School opened March 16th, with twenty-three pupils enrolled.

W. P. Dodge spent a few days with his brothers in Ashland last week.

Miss Clara Rader, of Eagle Point, visited her sister, Mrs. Geo. Garrett, Wednesday of this week.

March 22d being the 9th birthday of little Julia Dodge, several of her school-mates tendered her a surprise. A very pleasant time was

A Sunday school was organized at the Lone Oak school house Sunday, March 26. D. E. Phipps was elected superintendent. Sunday-school every Sunday.

There seems to be a report abroad about dividing our school that we, as neighbors, knew nothing about until it was published by one of our correspondents. On the contrary, the majority of our people are in favor of a new school house to be built in the center of the district.

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Kanes Creek Items.

BY SINE DIE.

Mrs. Darling is again reported on the sick list.

Mrs. Sutton was the guest of Mrs. Stover last week.

Mrs. Jones, of Woodville, spent last Saturday the guest of Mrs. Birdsey.

Thomas Hammersley, who has been sick with the "grippe," is able to be about again.

Mrs. Cryden, of Gold Hill, spent last Friday at this place, the guest of Mrs. Thomas Stanley.

School is progressing nicely under the management of Lou Holler. Forty pupils are now in attendance.

We are glad to say that Geo. Mardon is improving rapidly under the treatment of Dr. Kirchgessner, of Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Knotts and daughter, Miss Annie, was in Jacksonville and Medford one day last week transacting business.

Robert Swinden and wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Knotts and Miss Annie Knotts attended the dance at Gold Hill Saturday night. They report having had a fine time and a large attendance.

A Birthday Party.

A pleasant party gathered at the home of Jacob Myres, at Sams valley, Sunday March 23d in honor of Grandma Myres' 79th birthday. Those comprising the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Wilhoit and family, Mrs. O. Vincent and family, Mr. and Mrs. B. Vincent, Mrs. Fields and family, Mrs. W. Vincent and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Vincent and family, Mrs. T. Jackson, Ada Myres, Dotha Myres, Ossie Harris, and Messrs. Austin Myres, J. L. Adams, James Conley, and Morelock. Everyone engaged in some of the numerous sports and games, and during the day were invited to a table well laden and groaning under the good things of earth, and when the time of departure came there was not one present who did not wish their hostess many more such pleasant days.

A FRIEND.

Real Estate Transfers.

Martha Hammersly to Tilda Hammersly 2 acres in sec 22 tp 36 s r 3 w 1
Ella J Cole to A V Hurt 1 8-100 acres in Harr's addition to Medford 250
Martha M Cooksey to Rachel F Gay 2 33-100 acres in Central Point 166
W W Wolters to Antoinette DePeatt sw¼ of nw¼ of sec 5 tp 39 s r 1 e 600
Conrad Mingus to Mary C Kame the e½ of the w 3-10 of lot 1 blk 2 Mingus subdivision in sec 24 tp 37 s r 2 w 170
Michael Chavner to A J Moffit lot 12 blk 9 Gold Hill 30
Sarepta E Inlow to William G Knighton 10 acres in tp 38 s r 1 w excepting a small tract therefrom 2600
W T Leever adm de bonis non of estate of Isaac Constant to Julia A Owen lot 11 Constant's add to Central Point 25
Tilda Hammersly to Martha Hameraly 2 acc 22 tp 36 s r 3 w 1
Adam Klippel to Henry Klippel water right to water from Silver Fork of Elliott creek also interest in and to 160 acres of placer mining ground in Big Applegate district 400
J A Marsh to C C Martin the undivided ½ interest to sixty acres situated in the Jackson mining district 500
U S to Christina Straube mineral patent to 21 95-100 acres in Willow springs mining district .....
E Sanderson Smith to N A King and E A King q c d to the "Fowler Ledge," "The John Bolt," "The Red Chief," "The White Rock" and "The Jay Bird" all in Steamboat mining district 1

Mining Locations.

Byron Moore and Charles L Smith located Sept 28, 1895, 700 inches of water to be taken from the south fork of Pleasant creek.

Egan Suren located March 14 the "Snake Mine" in Sardine mining district.

Anton Suren located March 14th, the "Maltke" quartz claim in Sardine mining district.

Albert Suvala located Feb 22, 20 acres of mining ground in Evans creek district.

R A Rowley located March 5 the "Park Ledge" extension in Ashland creek mining dist.

R A Rowley located Feb 28 the "Mt Queen" quartz claim in Wagner creek dist.

R A Rowley located Feb 26 the "Portland" quartz claim in Wagner creek dist.

I S Rowley located March 18 the "Belle" mining claim in Wagner creek dist.

R A Rowley located Feb 28 the "Home" claim Wagner creek dist.

I A Rowley located Feb 28 the "Red Bull" quartz claim.

I S Rowley located March 18 the "Prince Arthur" mining claim.

R A Rowley located March 26 a mill site claim 5 acres.

R A Rowley located March 26 1000 inches of water from Horn creek.

Jacksonville Mining and Milling company located March 12 the Jacksonville Mining and Milling company's mining claim in Jacksonville mining dist.

S E Bialock located May 3, 1895, 20 acres of mining ground in Grave creek mining dist.

John H Bialock and Geo W Bialock located Feb 4 an additional water right to be taken from Baker creek.

George F Attebery located Feb 22, 20 acres placer mining ground in Jackass mining dist.

J L Bear located March 2, 20 acres of mining ground in Willow springs mining dist.

H E Barnhart located March 20, 20 acres of Mining ground in Applegate mining dist.

James Ellis located Oct 25, 1895, the "Sandy" mining claim in Gold Hill mining dist.

August Alshuth located March 19 the "King" mining claim in Sardine dist.

H J Hobbs located Feb 6 the "Trojan" quartz claim in Foots creek dist.

How the Bees Work.

In America it has been observed that bees often bore tubular corollas in order to get at the nectar of flowers, instead of entering by the mouth, as humblebees do in Europe. In essays on the crossfertilization of flowers this supposed anomaly has been the subject of much comment. It now appears that the humblebees of Europe and America have identical habits in regard to the manner in which the visits to flowers are made, and that it is the class of insects known as the carpenter bee, or the borer, which works in the outside manner indicated.

THE diatoms, single-celled plants of the seaweed family, are so small that three thousand of them laid end to end scarcely suffice to cover an inch of space on the rule.

THE sting of a bee, when compared with the point of a fine needle, under a powerful microscope, is hardly discernible. The point of the needle appears to be about an inch in diameter.

—Job printing at THE MAIL office.

A SACRED BANNER.

The Flag Which Inspired the National Anthem.

It Waved Over Fort M'Henry When the British Fleet Assailed It—How the Flag Was Protected by a Gallant American.

Sacredly guarded from curious eyes, and as much as possible from the slow but sure ravages of time, the Star Spangled Banner is laid away by its owner until such a time as may seem proper to deliver it into the careful hands. It is so called because it was the standard which floated over Fort McHenry at the time of its successful defense against the British, a defense that inspired Francis Scott Key to write our national ode.

This was the greatest of all naval victories won in 1812-1814, because it saved the entire Atlantic seaboard from further invasion by the enemy. The conditions also were unusual. The fort was not bomb-proof. Its commander, Lieut. Col. George Armistead, had received orders to surrender the fortress from his superior, who considered it unable to make a successful resistance. But Armistead was stirred to make a brave effort for its defense. He paid no attention to this order, and defended the fort to the best of his ability, knowing that if he failed a court-martial stared him in the face, and he gained a remarkable victory.

Lieut. Col. George Armistead was born in Newmarket, Carolina county, Va., on April 10, 1780. He was one of five brothers, all of whom served with distinction in the war of 1812, three being in the regular army and two in the militia. One of his brothers was a first graduate of West Point, and his full length picture is to be seen there to-day in the library in the grounds. He came from a patriotic stock of ancestors, his great-great-grandfather having been a member of the house of burgesses and of the council of states. On his mother's side Armistead was descended from Col. John Taylor, who was with Washington at Winchester. Col. George Armistead was distinguished for his gallantry at the capture of Fort George, and was brevetted lieutenant colonel at this time. A little over a year afterward fresh from this victory, he was placed in command of Fort McHenry. Here he was destined to meet men whose commanding officer had gained his epaulets in the service of the greatest general of that age—the duke of Wellington. Sir Alexander Cochran, in his dispatch to the secretary of the admiralty, dated September 17, 1814, says: "So soon as the army moved forward I hoisted my flag on the Surprise, and with the remainder of the frigates, bomb-sloops and the rocket ship passed further up the river. At daybreak next morning—the 13th—the bombs having taken their stations within shell range, supported by the Surprise, with the other frigates and sloops, opened their fire upon the fort that protected the harbor." Admiral Alexander Cochran was in command of the Royal Oak, while his son, Sir Thomas Cochran, commanded the Surprise, to which the admiral transferred his flag in going up the Batapsco river.

Francis Scott Key and his friend, Mr. Skinner, were on board the Surprise until shortly after the battle, when they were transferred to their own vessel, in which they had set sail from Baltimore. Here they remained with their own private sailors and a detachment of marines from the Surprise as guard. It was at this time on his own vessel that Francis Scott Key wrote the "Star Spangled Banner," and not on the Mindon, as is generally supposed. Judge Taney received this statement from Key's own lips, who told him that he had written his poem in a a moment of excitement, when the enemy [illegible] to their ships.

The weeks following this great victory were very proud ones to the Baltimoreans, for though at the bombardment were troops from Pennsylvania and Virginia, the great burden of the engagement was borne by Baltimore men. The strain, however, of that great fight, and the dreadful responsibility of the occasion, were too much for Col. Armistead. It left him with an affection of the heart from which he died four years later, in his adopted city, Baltimore. He knew, even after the victory was gained, that some enemy might press against him the charge of disobedience to his superior officer, and if this had been done it might have led to other complication, but as "nothing succeeds like success," everything was forgotten in a general rejoicing.

The flag was presented to Lieut. Col. George Armistead by the government. It bears upon one of its stripes his name and the date of the bombardment in his own handwriting. At his death he bequeathed it to his widow, who left it to her daughter, Mrs. William Stuart Appleton. When Mrs. Appleton died it was bequeathed to her son, in whose possession it now is.

The banner is thirty-two feet long by twenty-nine feet wide. In all probability it was originally forty feet long, and its great width is due to the fact of its having fifteen stripes instead of thirteen. In color it is almost as bright as it was some eighty-four years ago, but the bunting has become very worn, and some twenty years since it was stitched on canvas to insure its preservation. It will be observed that there is one large hole it, where a bombshell passed through it, and it is torn in other places by fragments of shell.

It will also be noticed that there is quite a large piece out of one corner, as if cut. This, I believe, really was done, as I remember hearing from my mother that a brave soldier, who had served under her father, on his deathbed wrote and requested Mrs. Armistead to let him have a piece to wrap around his dead body. The request was complied with, but it can be readily understood that now the flag must be preserved from all such spoliation from relic hunters and from loaning it on any occasion save where it would be of national interest.—N. Y. Herald

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